

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**William Bridge**

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**For:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
MANAGING DATA ACCESS AND  
STORAGE OF DATA LOCATED ON  
MULTIPLE STORAGE DEVICES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application on the merits, please amend the application as follows. This amendment has been prepared in accordance with the new amendment practice in the revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.